

Distinguishing Spill/Splash Burns from Immersion Burns

SPILL / SPLASH BURN	IMMERSION BURN
Varying depth of burn Deeper burns in area of first contact	Uniform depth burn
May see inverted triangle shape	Stocking or glove distribution Buttocks, lower back & perineum with sparing of flexor creases
Multiple areas of burn	Unvaried appearance
Indistinct borders	Distinct borders with sharply defined water lines
Splash marks	No splash marks
May be inflicted or non-inflicted	Usually inflicted

Time to Full Thickness Burn

1 min 5 min 15 min 1 hr

